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For:

METHOD, SYSTEM AN PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR DETERMINING A FILE FORMAT FOR USE IN A TRANSLATION

**OPERATION** 

December 16, 2004

### REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004 (Paper No. 10), applicants request reconsideration.

### REMARKS

#### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102

The examiner maintains the rejection against claims 1, 5, 12, 16 and 23 under §102(b) as being anticipated by Ogawa et al. (U.S. Patent 5,608,874). The basis for finally rejecting claim 1 (page 2 of the examiner's comments) simply reiterates the language of the previous rejection and does not take into account amendatory language introduced by the previous amendment, e.g., that an optimal file format on which to perform a translation is determined from by selecting one of plural stored file formats.